



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes**

**May 22, 2001
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2001 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Mary Ruth Holder, Rhonda Taylor, Jeff Francell, Amy Babich, and Carol Kim.

Board Members Absent: Rocky Medrano and Clint Small

Staff Members Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Kimberley Jamail Mitchell, Robert Armistead, and Dina Haines.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** May 8 meeting. **Board Member Kim** made the motion to approve the minutes as written. **Board Member Taylor** seconded the motion. **The Board was in favor 6-0-0.**

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding the TEA-21 Grant Applications.

Greg Kiloh, and **Jana McCann** spoke to the board regarding the TEA-21 Grant Applications. Mr. Kiloh passed out the latest TEA 21 Enhancements Program Final Report with ranking explanations. Mr. Kiloh explained that the next phases of the Lamar Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge connection the bridge to Lamar Blvd. had been removed from the TEA 21 grant application list and that there were no funds for this phase of the project in this fiscal year. The Board members discussed the remaining TEA 21 application items.

Board Member Holder made the motion that the Parks Board recommend that the City Council approve the TEA-21 Grant Applications for the *Northern Walnut Creek Trail*, the *Upper Boggy Creek Trail* and the *Congress Avenue Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements* with the provision that major construction will occur on the Congress Avenue Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements project during the winter months (November 1 – March 1) when the Mexican Free-Tail Bats are not present and that the Transportation, Planning and Design Department will seek and incorporate the advice of Bat Conservation International in all phases of the process of planning, design, and construction of the project. **Board Member Kim** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 6-0-0.**

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares provided copies of the current Capitol Improvement Projects Status Report to the board members. He informed the board that the Carver Museum Expansion would be presented at the next parks board meeting and encouraged members to let the department know which CIP projects they would be most interested to learn about:

Mr. Olivares informed the board that the Old Bakery Advisory Board had held a meeting regarding the Susanna Dickinson House relocation. The advisory board did not support the move of the house to the Old Bakery location at 1006 Congress Avenue. The advisory board members produced a document stating the Old Bakery property was deeded to the City of Austin by the state of Texas. In the deed it stated that the old bakery must remain as an "old bakery" and retain it's historical integrity. Mr. Olivares stated he would keep the board informed of any new development.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

Board Member Taylor informed the board of the items discussed at the Programs sub-committee meeting, May 22 at noon. Brochures were distributed regarding these programs.

1. PARDner Program, Northwest Recreation Center, Jerilyn Rainosek.
2. Summer Food Program, Jesse Colunga
3. Senior Luncheon Program, Jesse Colunga
4. Juneteeth Celebration, Doris Kingston
5. Summer Playground Program, Reuben Olivo

Land and Facilities Committee

Items discussed:

- TEA-21 Grant Applications
- Northtown MUD
- Zilker Park and Barton Spring Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

Navigation Committee

None

Bond Oversight Committee

Board Chair Castleberry shared information regarding the last oversight committee meeting held on May 23, 2001.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Holder shared information regarding a joint sub-committee resolution concerning the Gardens of Bull Creek and the Environmental Board. This joint resolution will be brought forward to the Parks Board at its next meeting. The resolution makes recommendations concerning the BCP tract of land that was affected by the construction of the Gardens of Bull Creek development.

H. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.